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                     RECHARGEABLE ELECTROCHEMICAL)
                     CELLS   )

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

The Examiner is referred to the List of Prior Art
(Form PTO-1449A).

DE 24 54 824 A1 discloses an electrode for a negative
lead storage battery plate which is enveloped by a separator.
An electrically insulating spacer partially covers at least
one surface of the electrode (see claim 3, page 1 last
paragraph and Figs. 1 and 2 of DE 24 54 824).

DE 25 46 972 discloses a lead storage battery with a
spacer having an electrically insulating frame covering the
outer edges of an electrode.

DE 24 15 076 discloses a method for the manufacture of
a plastic track having a porous layer structure for use as
a separator for galvanic elements.

DE 17 71 185 discloses a method and device for
introducing a separator between electrodes of differing
polarity in a primary or secondary galvanic cell.

The applicant assumes that, in accordance with MPEP
1893.03(g), copies of the PCT search document and cited
prior art have been forwarded to the USPTO by the European
Patent Office. If this is not the case, applicant requests
notification of same.

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